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From: PM - Jonathan T. Howe

Subject: Consolidated Verification Group (CVG)

On the IG's recommendation, we have established a Consolidated Verification Group to manage START and INF verification analysis and policy development. Mr. Richard Clarke of the State Department and Mrs. Sally Horn of OSD will coordinate the interagency effort. Each agency should designate a single management-level representative to the CVG.

The first meeting of the CVG will be on Friday, November 12th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7422, State Department. The focus of this meeting will be the projected work program in the START and INF areas. Time permitting, it will also discuss the ALCM/SLCM and the telemetry papers.

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Dear Gene:

In the course of reviewing the functioning of the interagency process in the arms control area, the President has become convinced of the critical importance of establishing a National Security Council Committee on Arms Control Verification and Compliance, which I will chair. (S)

It is my strong feeling that our future efforts in arms control must be founded on a clear understanding of the history of Soviet compliance, a fully coordinated approach to verification issues, and on a concerted attempt to resolve outstanding issues. We are establishing this mechanism to coordinate all aspects of verification and compliance, as these are matters transcending the responsibilities of any one agency. (S)

For reasons which I am sure you appreciate, it is critical that assessments of verification and compliance not be wholly the responsibility of the intelligence community, or unduly influenced by any one viewpoint or agency. Furthermore, if such a new mechanism is to work properly, a strong ACDA contribution will be required. It is essential that ACDA's Verification and Intelligence Bureau function well and exercise strong institutional leadership in framing that contribution for ACDA. Accordingly, it will be necessary to ensure that the Verification Bureau has the requisite support and the resources it needs, including personnel with a strong verification and compliance background, to perform this vital function. (S)

I hope you will move quickly to assure that ACDA's Verification Bureau will be strengthened to provide full and effective support to the new Verification Committee. (S)

Sincerely,



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